

LEOPOLD BUZZ



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Learning Centre

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of LC&LC in 2024!

From members of our various classes and groups, to those who volunteer ; thank you for being part of the Leopold Community & Learning Centre.

We will be closed from 16.12.2024 & reopen on 6.1.2025.

From all of us at the
Leopold Community
& Learning Centre
we wish you a

*Very Merry
Christmas*



Classes/Groups 2024/2025



GROUP

LAST DAY

RECOMMENCING

Art Group	11.12.24	8.1.25
Book Club	5.12.24	6.2.25
Canasta	10.12.24	7.1.25
Community Choir	3.12.24	28.1.25
Euchre	5.12.24	9.1.25
Garden Group	18.11.24	20.1.25
'In Stitches' Craft Group	12.12.24	7.1.25
Mahjong	9.12.24	6.1.25
Scrabble	11.12.24	8.1.25
Table Tennis	5.12.24	9.1.25
Walking Group	16.12.24	13.1.25
Weights & Balance		
Wednesday Group	11.12.24	15.1.25
Thursday Group	5.12.24	16.1.25
Zumba Gold	10.12.24	28.1.25



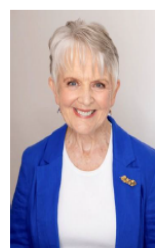
The last day for Chatty Café is Wednesday 11.12.2024 and we look forward to serving you again in late January 2025

AROUND THE CENTRE



Not only do these ladies sing in the choir, their talents also extend to sewing!

Pictured above are Donna, Bernie, Barbara, Kaye and Elaine who have sewn a Christmas gift for all those who are attending "A Christmas Celebration" Choir Concert on 3.12.24.



Write your Story

Join Dr June Alexander's Writing Class

From start to finish in 2025

Now is the time to bring your story to life!
Write the book you've dreamed of
—with expert guidance, you can do it!

What you get:

Ten group workshops: Receive guidance in writing your story from the first page to the last.

Individual mentoring: Personal support attuned to your needs the whole way through.

Expert guidance: Dr June Alexander is a published author and narrative mentor. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and, with her assistant Tanya Motiani, will guide you through every stage of writing your book. This includes mapping, structuring the content, and applying narrative skills to make your story memorable. See June's website: www.lifestoriesdiary.com

Why enrol?

Only you can tell your story: Preserving it in a publishable manuscript creates a rich legacy.

Supportive environment: Experience understanding, acceptance, encouragement, connection and inspiration within a tight-knit community of like-minded writers.

Limited class numbers: Ensuring you receive professional guidance and feedback.

Venue: Leopold Community & Learning Centre, Level 1, 31-39 Kensington Rd Leopold

Workshop dates: Feb. 12, 26 March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8.

How to enrol: 52 501 301

Cost: \$1000 covers year's tutoring and mentoring
Payment due:
February 1, 2025
(Refunds not available)

Hurry —Spaces are limited!
Be amazed at what you can achieve with June's mentoring and leadership.

Make your dream of being an author a reality in 2025

Digital Licences

Earlier this year, digital driver licences rolled out across the state giving Victorians the option to carry their licence on their phone. This ensures that whether you have your wallet on you or not, you can have your ID on you at all times.

Digital licences have undergone rigorous privacy and security testing and can be updated in real time if there are changes to licence conditions or personal information like home addresses.

Physical licences are not changing, the digital licence is simply another option that can make it easier when picking up a parcel, visiting a licenced venue, or driving around.

To access and set up your digital licence, download either the VicRoads or Services Victoria app or visit www.service.vic.gov.au to find out more. Or....Tristan, our Tech Tutor at LC&LC is available by appointment Mon-Thurs if you need help. Phone us on 0352 501 301 to make an appointment. Cost: \$10 for 30 minutes.



A Fictional Festive Funny

A man received a parrot as a gift, but the bird had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

The man tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to clean up the bird's vocabulary. Finally, he was fed up yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back.

He screamed at the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. So, in desperation, the man threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, the man quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto his outstretched arms and said: "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

The man was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude and just as he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird continued: "May I ask what the turkey did?"



Leopold Community & Learning Centre Community Cookbook

Generational recipes and stories by members of the greater Leopold Community

Our Cookbook is now available!

The cookbook is now available to purchase and would make a great Christmas present at \$5.00

Thank you to those who contributed their recipes, please come and collect your free copy from the Centre during our office hours.

TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

Be scam wise this sales season

With Christmas around the corner, you may still be looking for that perfect gift for someone. The good news is there are plenty of sales both before and after Christmas! The bad news is scammers exist and they want your money. Here is how to not feel silly this *silly season*.

- Avoid questionable new websites and consider only going on established company websites. Check website names and don't click on ad links. It is distressingly easy to spoof a legitimate website with a fake link on a Facebook or similar ad. Once clicked, it will seem legit, until you pay for an item that will never arrive. If things seem fishy, or the spelling seems off, instead use Google and search for/click on the actual website yourself.
- Marketplaces such as Amazon/eBay ext. sell 3rd Party Stores' products. Sadly, this means there are lots of things for sale there that are scams. If worried, buy only from Amazon directly or an official Store selling through Amazon/eBay etc. When looking at products, watch out for deals too good to be true. For example, say you want an external Hard Drive for photos. On Amazon you can buy legitimate ones with 2TB (2000GB) capacity for around \$110-120. But there are also some Drives with generic names like "2TB External Hard Drive" for as low as \$55. This is a scam. The product in reality will have almost no space, and your photos will be lost as you fill the drive up. There are fake versions of almost any tech product, so beware of generic looking fakes or bait and switches.
- Watch out for Gumtree/Facebook Marketplace scams. Avoid online payment scams and accept cash deals only. Some people are more than willing to sell defective or broken products on Gumtree or Facebook. Please make sure to verify that a product is in good/working condition (or even that it is not just a box of rocks) before buying. Not only would I not have strangers come to my house, but I also wouldn't go to theirs either. It's just for safety. Better to meet at a public car park and exchange from there. Needless to say, don't buy things at night either.

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you next year!

Leopold Garden Club



Our November meeting was also our Christmas Break-up lunch; being our last meeting for the year.

It was a great turn out with 28 people in attendance and it was very well catered for by the very generous 'Bring a plate' lunch.

There was plenty of socializing and discussion on gardens and gardening.

Plants were also given away; double white columbines (granny bonnet) 3 different varieties of tomato, curly parsley and a member brought in a selection of geraniums in flower (usual combinations) which disappeared into the members hands as quickly as they appeared.

If you are interested in joining the Leopold Community & Learning Centre Garden Club, the next meeting will be in January on the third Monday at 1.00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit, plus great company!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Best wishes for the Season,

Dimitrij Betz,
Garden Club Co-ordinator



Next Meeting: 20th January 2025